

The Lord's Supper

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INTRODUCTION:

1. There are five avenues of approach for the Child of God to come before the Heavenly Father. Five items of worship.
2. Singing, Prayer, teaching, Lord's Supper, and Giving.
3. Each is important, each has a place in God's plan for man. Every Child of God should have a deep abiding desire to meet with their Heavenly Father--worshipping Him.
4. This lesson takes one of these five--THE LORD'S SUPPER.
5. May we approach the study in profound seriousness, with deep feelings toward a most gracious Father.

Have PRAYER

BODY:

I. GOD HAS USED SYMBOLS IN HIS DEALINGS WITH MANKIND

1. It is difficult for us, who live in the flesh, to completely approach the spiritual. - *John 4:24*
2. We see, feel, hear, taste and smell (five senses) through *fleshly*, material organs. With these we cannot contact spiritual subjects.
3. The teacher in the class room uses diagrams, charts, and symbols to illustrate the abstract and difficult things
4. God has likewise used signs and symbols to teach man:
 - (1) The Sabbath--God rested after six days labor.
 - (2) Sacrifices--The innocent dying for the guilty. God's holiness, man's sinfulness.
 - (3) Tabernacle--Symbolic worship under the Law of Moses. Shew-bread, candlestick, incense, Ark, etc.
5. God has now given the greatest of all symbols, that which is to be done in memory of His Crucified Son.

1 Cor 11:23-25 - vs. 26 - the Lord's death

II. IT WAS NECESSARY THAT CHRIST DIE:

1. There was no other method to bring about reconciliation, *cleansing, removal of guilt.*
2. The blood of bulls and goats could not atone, it took the blood of the sinless Son.
3. John 18:28-19:42--picture of the crucifixion.
4. Heb 9:11-22--purpose for this.
5. Jesus instituted the Supper:
Mt 26:26-29.

III. CHRISTIANS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING AROUND THE TABLE.

1. 1 Cor 11:20-32--"This do in remembrance of me" *Twice*
This within itself is an express command to partake.
Acts 20:7

Luke 22:19

In memory of Christ - His Birth, Life, teaching, death, Resurrection -

2. A preventive of apostasy. Those who meet regularly will not grow distant. In meeting weekly always within three days from this sacred memorial.
But when it is missed often, Christian grows cold and distant in the other things.also.

IV. NOURISHMENT TO THE HUNGRY AND THIRSTY SOUL:

1. Not that the bread and blood becomes actual food, but it is nourishment to the spiritual desires of man.
2. *(44-54)* John 6--includes more than L. S., but shows that we must partake of the spiritual Christ in order to live Spiritually.
3. Must discipline the heart and head to remember importance. Cannot afford to allow this to become ritual, habit.
John 4:24--Spirit
A most vital part of our Worship

V. ILLUSTRATIONS:

1. Small boy and father--What are those boys doing up there on top of that tall building? Those ~~are~~ not boys, they are men. Son said, "The closer they get to heaven, the smaller they get."
The mother puts away the garment of the children, and in years to come, looks at it, remembering the child.
Her mind does not dwell on other things, but on child
Tombstone--reminds us of departed loved ones.

VI. PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS:

1. Supper is one of five items of worship.
It is not the giving, even though done at same time.
They are separate.
2. To be taken regularly, each Lord's Day. *An outstanding difference in the Church Father's religion*
Either at morning, or night, if detained from attending the morning service.
3. 1 Cor 11:27 worthy manner, the way in which it is entered into.
4. John 3:16--Jesus died for your sins, left this for you.

CONCLUSION:

1. Only God's children can meet around His table.
2. Don't you desire to meet the the KING of the Ages.
3. If you had chance to meet with great leader of this world, King of a country, etc. you would attend.
4. But here is the greatest feast every given man. Don't you wish to meet With Christ???